THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have issued instructions to banks from time to time so as to ensure that more underprivileged sections are given proper attention in the matter of allocation of credit in the priority sector and that the advances to weaker sections reach a level of 25 per cent of priority sector advances or 10 per cent of Net Bank Credit.

CBI's Dossiers on Customs Personnel

1672. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI has prepared dossiers on a large number of customs and excise men containing details of favours granted by them; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The CBI has not prepared any such dossiers.

(b) In view of reply to (a) above, does not arise.

Excise duty on chewing Tobacco and Gutka

1673. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual excise duty on chewing tobacco and gutka has been reduced drastically during the last one year;

(b) if so, the revenue collected from chewing tobacco and gutka product manufacturers during the last two years, year-wise; and

(c) the top five manufacturers of chewing tobacco and gutka who have paid highest excise duty during the last two years, year-wise?